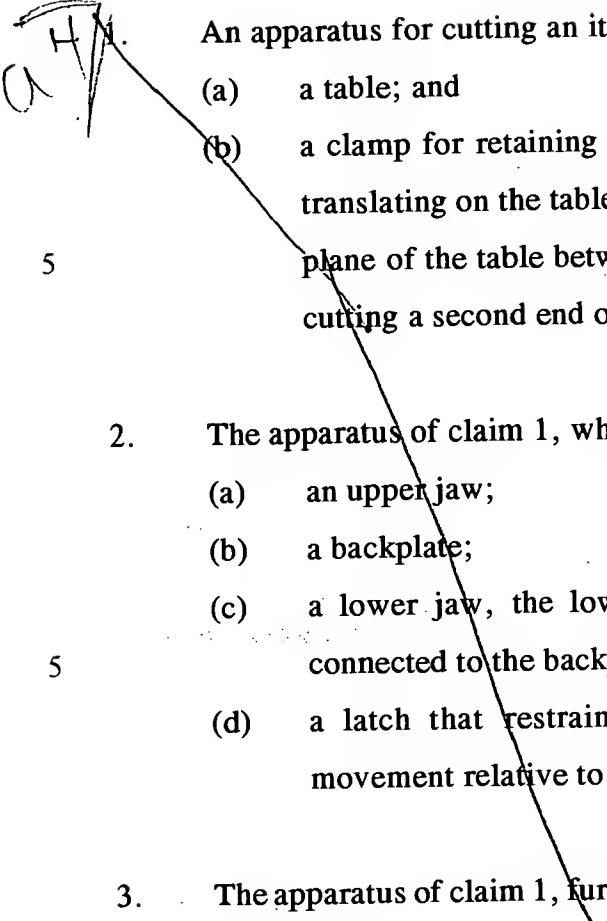


What is claimed is:

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An apparatus for cutting an item to be cut comprising:

- (a) a table; and
- (b) a clamp for retaining the item, the clamp being capable of translating on the table and rotating on an axis parallel to the plane of the table between cutting a first end of the item and cutting a second end of the item.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the clamp comprises:

- (a) an upper jaw;
- (b) a backplate;
- (c) a lower jaw, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
- (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a cutter that is disposed on the table.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the clamp restrains the item during cutting, and the clamp rotates the item between cutting a first end of the item and cutting a second end of the item.

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The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

- (a) a mount;
- (b) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp;
- (c) a tray that is affixed to the table;
- (d) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount while the clamp translates on the table in a plane that is parallel to the table; and
- (e) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position is reached.

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6. The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a cutter that is disposed on the table; wherein the clamp comprises:

- (a) an upper jaw;
- (b) a backplate;
- (c) a lower jaw, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
- (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another.

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7. An apparatus for cutting a window blind comprising:

- (a) a table; and
- (b) a clamp for retaining the window blind, the clamp being capable of translating on the table and rotating on an axis parallel to the plane of the table between cutting a first end of the window blind and cutting a second end of the window blind.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the clamp comprises
- (a) an upper jaw;
  - (b) a backplate;
  - (c) a lower jaw, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
  - (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another.
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9. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a cutter that is disposed on the table.
10. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the clamp restrains a window blind during cutting, and the clamp rotates the window blind between cutting a first end of the window blind and cutting a second end of the window blind.
11. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:
- (a) a mount;
  - (b) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp;
  - (c) a tray that is affixed to the table;
  - (d) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount while the clamp translates on the table in a plane that is parallel to the table; and
  - (e) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position is reached.
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12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a cutter that is disposed on the table; wherein the clamp comprises:

(a) an upper jaw;

(b) a backplate;

(c) a lower jaw, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and

(d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another.

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13. A clamp comprising:

(a) an upper jaw;

(b) a lower jaw;

(c) a backplate, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and

(d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another; wherein the clamp is capable of retaining an item to be cut, translating on the table, and rotating on an axis parallel to the plane of the table.

14. The clamp of claim 13, in combination with a table, the clamp being affixed to the table.

15. The clamp of claim 13, wherein the clamp is capable of restraining the item during cutting, and the clamp permits rotation of the item after a first end of the window blind is cut.



16. The clamp of claim 13, in combination with

- (a) a mount;
- (b) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp;
- (c) a tray that is affixed to the table;
- (d) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount while the clamp translates on the table in a plane that is parallel to the table; and
- (e) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position is reached.

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The clamp of claim 16, further comprising a cutter that is disposed on the table; wherein the clamp comprises:

- (a) an upper jaw;
- (b) a backplate;
- (c) a lower jaw, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
- (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another.

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18. A clamp comprising:
- (a) an upper jaw;
  - (b) a lower jaw;
  - (c) a backplate, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
  - (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another; wherein the clamp is capable of retaining a window blind, translating on the table, and rotating on an axis parallel to the plane of the table.
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19. The clamp of claim 18, in combination with a table, the clamp being affixed to the table.
20. The clamp of claim 18, wherein the clamp is capable of restraining the window blind during cutting, and the clamp permits rotation of the window blind after a first end of the window blind is cut.

21. The clamp of claim 18, in combination with
- (a) a mount;
  - (b) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp;
  - (c) a tray that is affixed to the table;
  - (d) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount while the clamp translates on the table in a plane that is parallel to the table; and
  - (e) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position is reached.
22. The clamp of claim 21, further comprising a cutter that is disposed on the table; wherein the clamp comprises:
- (a) an upper jaw;
  - (b) a backplate;
  - (c) a lower jaw, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
  - (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another.